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Jury Fails to Agree in Teamster Trial

BUTTE, Mont.—Federal Judge W. D. Murray declared a mistrial today in the conspiracy trial of Louisiana Teamsters Union official Edward G. Partin after the jury failed to reach a verdict.

The nine-woman, three-man jury said they were unable to agree and could see no chance to reach a verdict.

Partin, 46, business agent for Local 5 of the Teamsters Union in Baton Rouge, was tried here on five counts of conspiracy in violation of the Sherman Antitrust Act after federal courts in Louisiana granted a change of venue.

Partin testified for the government in James Hoffa's jury-tampering conviction.

The prosecution alleged that Partin used strong arm extortion in an attempt to gain control of the cement industry in the Baton Rouge area.